

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ricardo Rocha, et al.

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For: ALDOSTERONE BLOCKER THERAPY TO PREVENT OR TREAT

INFLAMMATION-RELATED DISORDERS

Art Unit 1614

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the Express mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C., 20231 on December 20, 2002.

Date: December 20, 2002

AMENDMENT B

The official letter (NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES) dated August 26, 2002 has been received, and in response thereto the following Amendment B is submitted. In addition, a substitute computer readable form diskette is enclosed, as required by the above notice. Finally, and extension of time to respond for two months, up to and including December 26, 2002 is requested.